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Applicant(s) : Thomas E. Borillo and Gregg S. Sutton

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following document:

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
WO 98/02100	01/22/1998	PCT

This document is listed on the accompanying Form
PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and a copy is enclosed

herewith. This document was first cited in an International Search Report in a foreign patent application, which is a counterpart of another co-assigned and co-owned U.S. Patent application (S/N 10/094,730).

It is respectfully requested that this reference be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicants believe that no fee is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge all fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

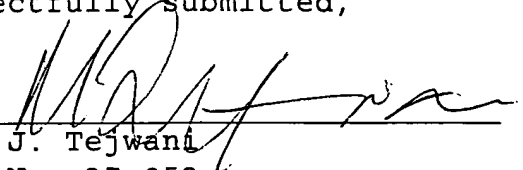
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An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



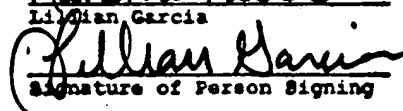
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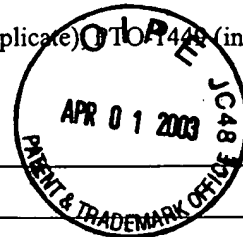
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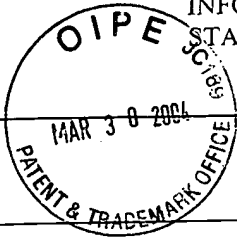
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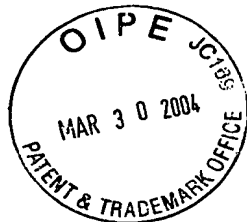
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants hereby make the following patent documents of
record in the above-identified patent application:

Wessman et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,231,589
(May 15, 2001)
Swanson U.S. Patent No. 6,267,760
(July 31, 2001)
Roue et al. U.S. Application No. 2001/0039435
(November 08, 2001)
PCT Internat'l Publ'n. No. WO00/53120
(September 14, 2000)
PCT Internat'l Publ'n. No. WO01/26726
(April 19, 2001)
PCT Internat'l Publ'n. No. WO01/30266 (May 3,
2001)

Copies of the aforementioned patent documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these patent documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicants believe no fee is required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed herewith.

An early and favorably action is respectfully
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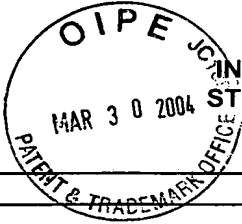
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